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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE –
EXAMINING GROUP 2141**

PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 16869S-094000US

Client Ref. No.: W1153-01EJ

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hideomi IDEI et al.

Application No.: 10/656,096

Filed: September 5, 2003

For: MANAGEMENT SERVER FOR
ASSIGNING STORAGE AREAS TO
SERVER, STORAGE APPARATUS
SYSTEM AND PROGRAM

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 9922

Examiner: Brian J. Gillis

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed Sept. 26, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.